which met in New Delhi from 29th to 31st August, 1988 decided to launch a phased agitation comprising of signature compaign, rallies and mass casual leave etc. to press its demand for immediate implementation of Chattopadhyaya Commission recommendations, including revison of pay scales and other demands The Kendiya Vidyalaya Sangathan has not so far come to know of any agitation. The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan feels that the Joint Consultative Machinery for the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has been set up and this provides the forum for consultation between the Association and the Kendriya Vidyalava Sangathan. The Association should discuss its demands there before thinking of an agitation.

Hardship to the passengers due to delayed air flights

715. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the late running of air-flights has recorded a sharp increase, causing hardship to the passengers;

(b) what are the areas of operation where such late running has been found to be chronic over the last three months and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that coupled with late arrival, the baggage clearance takes nearly one to one and a half hours and this enhances the agony of the passengers; and

(d) if so, what steps are contemplated to improve punctuality and to cut down the baggage clearance time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) In the recent past there has beeen an increase in delays due mainly to consequential causes.

(c) Baggage clearance normally less than takes 20 minutes. On a few occasions baggage clearances may have taken longer.

(d) All delays are reviewed regularly by the airlines and steps to reduce delays are taken Recently Indian Airlines have revised its schedule and creased stand-by aircraft capacity cushions at base stations with a view to minimising delays.

Development of wild life tourism

716. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up any scheme for the development of wild life tourism;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) the amount allocated for the development of wild life tourism during the Seventh Five Year Plan period in general and in 1988-89 in particular; and

(d) what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken by Government to promote wild life tourism, State-wise, during the current financial year, as well as well as during the remaining period of the current Five Year Plan?

THE MNISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In order to promote love for nature and outdoors, among the foreign and domestic tourists, this Ministry provides funds for the creation of tourist facilities at selected national parks/wild life sanctuaries The facilities include construction of forest lodges and provision of mini-buses, elephants etc. for veiwing the variety of wild life at various national parks and sanctuaries scattered throughout the country.

(c) An amount of Rs. 200 00 lakhs has been allocated for the development of Wild Life tourism during the Seventh Five Year Plan period, out of which Rs. 30.00 lakhs has been allocated for 1988-89.

(d) During the current financial year, funds have been released for the completion of on-going projects of construction of Forest Lodge at National Parks at Jaisalmer, Ranakpur and Ranthambore in

Rajasthan and Betla in Bihar. Final instalment for the purchase of five minibuses for use at Sasangir National Park in Gujarat has been released. Further, funds have also been provided for new projects of construction of Forest Lodge at Neyyar Dam Sanctuary in Kerala and for fabrication of a cruising vessel for use in Sunderbans in West Bengal. An amount of Rs. 34.70 lakhs has already been spent on these projects.

During the remaining period of the current Five Year Plan it is proposed to provide funds for the various on-going projects. Certain new projects will also be takes up keeping in view the *inter-se* priorities and availability of funds.

Development of tourism in Kerala

717. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the projects proposed by the Kerala Government for the promotion of tourism in the State;

(b) what are the details of projects cleared and the progress in their implementation;

(c) what are the financial commitments of the Centre and the State for their implementation; and

(d) what are the reasons for which Government are not taking full advantage of the nature and beauty of Kerala and develop it into a tourist centre of international reputation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) The details about the project proposed by the Kerala Government for promotion of tourism in the State, projects cleared by the Central Government and the progress in their implementation are given in the enclosed Statement. [See Appendix CXLVIII, Annexure No. 35].

(c) The Central Government provides funds for creation of infrastructure erection of buildings, internal water supply, electricity, etc. whereas the State Government contributes land for the project free of cost and also provides external water supply, electricity and approach road. The cost of the furnishings, site development, compound wall, fencing, etc. is also the responsibility of the State Government. The State Government undertakes the responsibiliy for maintenance of the facilities for which the funds are being released and no reimbursement on account of losses incurred, if any, would be made by the Centre. The asset so created would remain the property of the Central Government and it would be leased out to the State Government on a nominal charge of Rs. 1/- per annum

(d) The Central Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism and the Government of Kerala are taking full advantage of the nature and beauty of Kerala and develop it into a tourist centre of international reputation. However, receipt of proposals and sanction of Central financial assistance to States for creation of tourism infrastructure is an on-going process. Each year, the Ministry invites proposals from the State Governments/Union Territories for inclusion in the Annual Plans of the Ministry. These proposals are included in the Annual Plans subject to the framework and the guidelines laid down in the 7th Five Year Plan. For 1988-89, the Ministry has received proposals from the State Governments/Union Territories and these relate to Central financial assistance for infrastructure development at tourist centres, cultural tourism, beach tourism, wildlife tourism, yatri niwases, adventure and sports tourism, floodlighting of monuments, sound and light shows ,etc. The Ministry does not allocate funds either Statewise or project-wise but scheme-wise. The Ministry provides financial assistance to States for creation of tourism infrastructure on the basis of specific proposals received from the State Government. These proposals are taken up for financial assistance subject to the potential of the place, existing infrastructure, existing and projected tourist traffic, overall merits of proposal, viability of the project, availability of funds and *inter-se* priorities